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RE: Wilcox Oil Company Superfund Site -Residential Data Results Summary

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This letter provides you with a summary of the data collected from your property during our field investigation events. This information is being provided to help you understand some of the potential health risks that may exist. The Enclosures provide summaries on the historic use of the property, surface soil sampling, passive and indoor air sampling, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry fact sheets on the primary contaminants found on your property.

During the field investigations, data from the soil, the lead sweetening area, and air were collected. The results from the sampling indicate that contaminants are present above residential human health screening levels for soil, the lead sweetening area, and air. Because the results are above the residential human health screening levels, additional sampling and investigation is necessary to understand where the contaminants are located and what potential health risks may be associated with these contaminants. Results above the residential human health screening levels do not necessarily indicate that a risk exists, but that there may be a potential for risk. The human health risk evaluation will provide information on the potential health risks that these contaminants may pose over a lifetime of exposure.

Until a complete site investigation and human health risk evaluation are complete, the location of the contamination, the amount of the contamination, and the potential health risks associated with that contamination is unknown. We expect that our investigation will continue into the year 2020, and our complete understanding of any potential health risks will remain unknown until then. Currently, the property is vacant and no exposures to residents are occurring. Because the full extent of potential health risks has not been determined through a formal human health risk evaluation, some steps and precautions to avoid potential exposure to contaminants are listed below should you spend time on your property. Please consider some of these options while we continue our investigation and evaluation of these contaminants in more detail.

- Ensure proper hygiene, especially frequent hand washing.
- Soil should be thoroughly shaken off clothes and footwear, before entering homes.
- Use a dust mask when mowing.
- Limit or avoid outside digging and soil moving activities.
- Limit or avoid contact with visible oily-tar waste.
- Limit or avoid contact with bare soil associated with the lead sweetening area.

- Keep and use a doormat or brush for footwear outside outer doors to avoid bringing contaminated soil into the home.
- Wash floors and vacuum carpets regularly.

The primary contaminants detected in the soil and the lead sweetening area include Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons, Lead, and BTEX Compounds (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, and Xylene). The primary contaminants detected in the indoor air include BTEX Compounds (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, and Xylene). Additional information on these contaminants can be found in Enclosure 1.

Thank you for your continued interest and support for this project. Should you want to discuss the data presented in this letter, please contact me at 214-665-8143, or 1-800-533-3508, or contact Todd Downham, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality at 405-702-5136.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Katrina', is positioned above the printed name.

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## **Enclosure 1: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry fact sheets**

Lead

Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

Benzene

Toluene

Ethylbenzene

Xylene



# LEAD

## CAS # 7439-92-1

### Division of Toxicology and Environmental Medicine ToxFAQs™

**August 2007**

**This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about lead. For more information, call the ATSDR Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It is important you understand this information because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.**

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Exposure to lead can happen from breathing workplace air or dust, eating contaminated foods, or drinking contaminated water. Children can be exposed from eating lead-based paint chips or playing in contaminated soil. Lead can damage the nervous system, kidneys, and reproductive system. Lead has been found in at least 1,272 of the 1,684 National Priority List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

#### **What is lead?**

Lead is a naturally occurring bluish-gray metal found in small amounts in the earth's crust. Lead can be found in all parts of our environment. Much of it comes from human activities including burning fossil fuels, mining, and manufacturing.

Lead has many different uses. It is used in the production of batteries, ammunition, metal products (solder and pipes), and devices to shield X-rays. Because of health concerns, lead from paints and ceramic products, caulking, and pipe solder has been dramatically reduced in recent years. The use of lead as an additive to gasoline was banned in 1996 in the United States.

#### **What happens to lead when it enters the environment?**

- ☐ Lead itself does not break down, but lead compounds are changed by sunlight, air, and water.
- ☐ When lead is released to the air, it may travel long distances before settling to the ground.
- ☐ Once lead falls onto soil, it usually sticks to soil particles.
- ☐ Movement of lead from soil into groundwater will depend on the type of lead compound and the characteristics of the soil.

#### **How might I be exposed to lead?**

- ☐ Eating food or drinking water that contains lead. Water pipes in some older homes may contain lead solder. Lead can leach out into the water.

- ☐ Spending time in areas where lead-based paints have been used and are deteriorating. Deteriorating lead paint can contribute to lead dust.

- ☐ Working in a job where lead is used or engaging in certain hobbies in which lead is used, such as making stained glass.

- ☐ Using health-care products or folk remedies that contain lead.

#### **How can lead affect my health?**

The effects of lead are the same whether it enters the body through breathing or swallowing. Lead can affect almost every organ and system in your body. The main target for lead toxicity is the nervous system, both in adults and children. Long-term exposure of adults can result in decreased performance in some tests that measure functions of the nervous system. It may also cause weakness in fingers, wrists, or ankles. Lead exposure also causes small increases in blood pressure, particularly in middle-aged and older people and can cause anemia. Exposure to high lead levels can severely damage the brain and kidneys in adults or children and ultimately cause death. In pregnant women, high levels of exposure to lead may cause miscarriage. High-level exposure in men can damage the organs responsible for sperm production.

#### **How likely is lead to cause cancer?**

We have no conclusive proof that lead causes cancer in humans. Kidney tumors have developed in rats and mice that had been given large doses of some kind of lead compounds. The Department of Health and Human Services



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(DHHS) has determined that lead and lead compounds are reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogens and the EPA has determined that lead is a probable human carcinogen. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that inorganic lead is probably carcinogenic to humans and that there is insufficient information to determine whether organic lead compounds will cause cancer in humans.

### **How can lead affect children?**

Small children can be exposed by eating lead-based paint chips, chewing on objects painted with lead-based paint, or swallowing house dust or soil that contains lead.

Children are more vulnerable to lead poisoning than adults. A child who swallows large amounts of lead may develop blood anemia, severe stomachache, muscle weakness, and brain damage. If a child swallows smaller amounts of lead, much less severe effects on blood and brain function may occur. Even at much lower levels of exposure, lead can affect a child's mental and physical growth.

Exposure to lead is more dangerous for young and unborn children. Unborn children can be exposed to lead through their mothers. Harmful effects include premature births, smaller babies, decreased mental ability in the infant, learning difficulties, and reduced growth in young children. These effects are more common if the mother or baby was exposed to high levels of lead. Some of these effects may persist beyond childhood.

### **How can families reduce the risks of exposure to lead?**

- ☐ Avoid exposure to sources of lead.
- ☐ Do not allow children to chew or mouth surfaces that may have been painted with lead-based paint.
- ☐ If you have a water lead problem, run or flush water that has been standing overnight before drinking or cooking with it.
- ☐ Some types of paints and pigments that are used as make-up or hair coloring contain lead. Keep these kinds of products away from children
- ☐ If your home contains lead-based paint or you live in an area contaminated with lead, wash children's hands and faces

often to remove lead dusts and soil, and regularly clean the house of dust and tracked in soil.

### **Is there a medical test to determine whether I've been exposed to lead?**

A blood test is available to measure the amount of lead in your blood and to estimate the amount of your recent exposure to lead. Blood tests are commonly used to screen children for lead poisoning. Lead in teeth or bones can be measured by X-ray techniques, but these methods are not widely available. Exposure to lead also can be evaluated by measuring erythrocyte protoporphyrin (EP) in blood samples. EP is a part of red blood cells known to increase when the amount of lead in the blood is high. However, the EP level is not sensitive enough to identify children with elevated blood lead levels below about 25 micrograms per deciliter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ). These tests usually require special analytical equipment that is not available in a doctor's office. However, your doctor can draw blood samples and send them to appropriate laboratories for analysis.

### **Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that states test children at ages 1 and 2 years. Children should be tested at ages 3–6 years if they have never been tested for lead, if they receive services from public assistance programs for the poor such as Medicaid or the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children, if they live in a building or frequently visit a house built before 1950; if they visit a home (house or apartment) built before 1978 that has been recently remodeled; and/or if they have a brother, sister, or playmate who has had lead poisoning. CDC considers a blood lead level of 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$  to be a level of concern for children.

EPA limits lead in drinking water to 15  $\mu\text{g}$  per liter.

### **References**

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). 2007. Toxicological Profile for lead (Update). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Public Health and Human Services, Public Health Service.

**Where can I get more information?** For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Division of Toxicology and Environmental Medicine, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop F-32, Atlanta, GA 30333. Phone: 1-800-232-4636, FAX: 770-488-4178. ToxFAQs Internet address via WWW is <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq.html>. ATSDR can tell you where to find occupational and environmental health clinics. Their specialists can recognize, evaluate, and treat illnesses resulting from exposure to hazardous substances. You can also contact your community or state health or environmental quality department if you have any more questions or concerns.



# Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) -ToxFAQs™

This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). For more information, call the CDC Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. This information is important because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**SUMMARY:** Exposure to polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons usually occurs by breathing air contaminated by wild fires or coal tar, or by eating foods that have been grilled. PAHs have been found in at least 600 of the 1,430 National Priorities List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons?

(Pronounced pŏl'ī-sī'klīk ār'ə-măt'īk hī'drə-kar'bənz)

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are a group of over 100 different chemicals that are formed during the incomplete burning of coal, oil and gas, garbage, or other organic substances like tobacco or charbroiled meat. PAHs are usually found as a mixture containing two or more of these compounds, such as soot.

Some PAHs are manufactured. These pure PAHs usually exist as colorless, white, or pale yellow-green solids. PAHs are found in coal tar, crude oil, creosote, and roofing tar, but a few are used in medicines or to make dyes, plastics, and pesticides.

## What happens to PAHs when they enter the environment?

- PAHs enter the air mostly as releases from volcanoes, forest fires, burning coal, and automobile exhaust.
- PAHs can occur in air attached to dust particles.
- Some PAH particles can readily evaporate into the air from soil or surface waters.
- PAHs can break down by reacting with sunlight and other chemicals in the air, over a period of days to weeks.
- PAHs enter water through discharges from industrial and wastewater treatment plants.

- Most PAHs do not dissolve easily in water. They stick to solid particles and settle to the bottoms of lakes or rivers.
- Microorganisms can break down PAHs in soil or water after a period of weeks to months.
- In soils, PAHs are most likely to stick tightly to particles; certain PAHs move through soil to contaminate underground water.
- PAH contents of plants and animals may be much higher than PAH contents of soil or water in which they live.

## How might I be exposed to PAHs?

- Breathing air containing PAHs in the workplace of coking, coal-tar, and asphalt production plants; smokehouses; and municipal trash incineration facilities.
- Breathing air containing PAHs from cigarette smoke, wood smoke, vehicle exhausts, asphalt roads, or agricultural burn smoke.
- Coming in contact with air, water, or soil near hazardous waste sites.
- Eating grilled or charred meats; contaminated cereals, flour, bread, vegetables, fruits, meats; and processed or pickled foods.
- Drinking contaminated water or cow's milk.
- Nursing infants of mothers living near hazardous waste sites may be exposed to PAHs through their mother's milk.

# Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

## How can PAHs affect my health?

Mice that were fed high levels of one PAH during pregnancy had difficulty reproducing and so did their offspring. These offspring also had higher rates of birth defects and lower body weights. It is not known whether these effects occur in people.

Animal studies have also shown that PAHs can cause harmful effects on the skin, body fluids, and ability to fight disease after both short- and long-term exposure. But these effects have not been seen in people.

## How likely are PAHs to cause cancer?

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has determined that some PAHs may reasonably be expected to be carcinogens.

Some people who have breathed or touched mixtures of PAHs and other chemicals for long periods of time have developed cancer. Some PAHs have caused cancer in laboratory animals when they breathed air containing them (lung cancer), ingested them in food (stomach cancer), or had them applied to their skin (skin cancer).

## Is there a medical test to show whether I've been exposed to PAHs?

In the body, PAHs are changed into chemicals that can attach to substances within the body. There are special tests that can detect PAHs attached to these substances in body tissues or blood. However, these tests cannot tell whether any health effects will occur or find out the extent or source of your exposure to the PAHs. The tests aren't usually available in your doctor's office because special equipment is needed to conduct them.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set a limit of 0.2 milligrams of PAHs per cubic meter of air ( $0.2 \text{ mg/m}^3$ ). The OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) for mineral oil mist that contains PAHs is  $5 \text{ mg/m}^3$  averaged over an 8-hour exposure period.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recommends that the average workplace air levels for coal tar products not exceed  $0.1 \text{ mg/m}^3$  for a 10-hour workday, within a 40-hour workweek. There are other limits for workplace exposure for things that contain PAHs, such as coal, coal tar, and mineral oil.

## Glossary

**Carcinogen:** A substance that can cause cancer.

**Ingest:** Take food or drink into your body.

## References

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). 1995. Toxicological profile for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service.

## Where can I get more information?

For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Division of Toxicology and Human Health Sciences, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop F-57, Atlanta, GA 30333.

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# Benzene - ToxFAQs™

**CAS # 71-43-2**

This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about benzene. For more information, call the CDC Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It is important you understand this information because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Benzene is a widely used chemical formed from both natural processes and human activities. Breathing benzene can cause drowsiness, dizziness, and unconsciousness; long-term benzene exposure causes effects on the bone marrow and can cause anemia and leukemia. Benzene has been found in at least 1,000 of the 1,684 National Priority List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What is benzene?

Benzene is a colorless liquid with a sweet odor. It evaporates into the air very quickly and dissolves slightly in water. It is highly flammable and is formed from both natural processes and human activities.

Benzene is widely used in the United States; it ranks in the top 20 chemicals for production volume. Some industries use benzene to make other chemicals which are used to make plastics, resins, and nylon and other synthetic fibers. Benzene is also used to make some types of rubbers, lubricants, dyes, detergents, drugs, and pesticides. Natural sources of benzene include emissions from volcanoes and forest fires. Benzene is also a natural part of crude oil, gasoline, and cigarette smoke.

## What happens to benzene when it enters the environment?

- Industrial processes are the main source of benzene in the environment.
- Benzene can pass into the air from water and soil.
- It reacts with other chemicals in the air and breaks down within a few days.
- Benzene in the air can attach to rain or snow and be carried back down to the ground.
- It breaks down more slowly in water and soil, and can pass through the soil into underground water.
- Benzene does not build up in plants or animals.

## How might I be exposed to benzene?

- Outdoor air contains low levels of benzene from tobacco smoke, automobile service stations, exhaust from motor vehicles, and industrial emissions.
- Vapors (or gases) from products that contain benzene, such as glues, paints, furniture wax, and detergents, can also be a source of exposure.
- Air around hazardous waste sites or gas stations will contain higher levels of benzene.
- Working in industries that make or use benzene.

## How can benzene affect my health?

Breathing very high levels of benzene can result in death, while high levels can cause drowsiness, dizziness, rapid heart rate, headaches, tremors, confusion, and unconsciousness. Eating or drinking foods containing high levels of benzene can cause vomiting, irritation of the stomach, dizziness, sleepiness, convulsions, rapid heart rate, and death.

The major effect of benzene from long-term exposure is on the blood. Benzene causes harmful effects on the bone marrow and can cause a decrease in red blood cells leading to anemia. It can also cause excessive bleeding and can affect the immune system, increasing the chance for infection. Some women who breathed high levels of benzene for many months had irregular menstrual periods and a decrease in the size of their ovaries, but we do not know for certain that benzene caused the effects. It is not known whether benzene will affect fertility in men.

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**CAS # 71-43-2**

## How likely is benzene to cause cancer?

Long-term exposure to high levels of benzene in the air can cause leukemia, particularly acute myelogenous leukemia, often referred to as AML. This is a cancer of the bloodforming organs. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has determined that benzene is a known carcinogen. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) and the EPA have determined that benzene is carcinogenic to humans.

## How can benzene affect children?

Children can be affected by benzene exposure in the same ways as adults. It is not known if children are more susceptible to benzene poisoning than adults.

Benzene can pass from the mother's blood to a fetus. Animal studies have shown low birth weights, delayed bone formation, and bone marrow damage when pregnant animals breathed benzene.

## How can families reduce the risks of exposure to benzene?

Benzene exposure can be reduced by limiting contact with gasoline and cigarette smoke. Families are encouraged not to smoke in their house, in enclosed environments, or near their children.

## Is there a medical test to determine whether I've been exposed to benzene?

Several tests can show if you have been exposed to benzene. There is a test for measuring benzene in the breath; this test must be done shortly after exposure. Benzene can also be measured in the blood; however, since benzene disappears rapidly from the blood, this test is only useful for recent exposures.

In the body, benzene is converted to products called metabolites. Certain metabolites can be measured in the urine. The metabolite S-phenylmercapturic acid in urine is a sensitive indicator of benzene exposure. However, this test must be done shortly after exposure and is not a reliable indicator of how much benzene you have been exposed to, since the metabolites may be present in urine from other sources.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The EPA has set the maximum permissible level of benzene in drinking water at 5 parts benzene per billion parts of water (5 ppb).

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set limits of 1 part benzene per million parts of workplace air (1 ppm) for 8 hour shifts and 40 hour work weeks.

## References

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) 2007. Toxicological Profile for Benzene (Update). Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Public Health and Human Services, Public Health Service.

## Where can I get more information?

For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Division of Toxicology and Human Health Sciences, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop F-57, Atlanta, GA 30329-4027.

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# Ethylbenzene- ToxFAQs™

**CAS # 100-41-4**

This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about ethylbenzene. For more information, call the CDC Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It is important you understand this information because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**HIGHLIGHTS: Ethylbenzene is a colorless liquid found in a number of products including gasoline and paints. Breathing very high levels can cause dizziness and throat and eye irritation. Breathing lower levels has resulted in hearing effects and kidney damage in animals. Ethylbenzene has been found in at least 829 of 1,699 National Priorities List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**

## What is ethylbenzene?

Ethylbenzene is a colorless, flammable liquid that smells like gasoline.

It is naturally found in coal tar and petroleum and is also found in manufactured products such as inks, pesticides, and paints.

Ethylbenzene is used primarily to make another chemical, styrene. Other uses include as a solvent, in fuels, and to make other chemicals.

## What happens to ethylbenzene when it enters the environment?

- Ethylbenzene moves easily into the air from water and soil.
- It takes about 3 days for ethylbenzene to be broken down in air into other chemicals.
- In surface water, ethylbenzene breaks down by reacting with other chemicals found naturally in water.
- Ethylbenzene can move through soil into groundwater.
- In soil, it is broken down by bacteria.

## How might I be exposed to ethylbenzene?

- If you live in a city or near many factories or heavily traveled highways, you may be exposed to ethylbenzene in air.

- Releases of ethylbenzene into the air occur from burning oil, gas, and coal and from industries using ethylbenzene.
- Ethylbenzene is not often found in drinking water. Higher levels may be found in residential drinking water wells near landfills, waste sites, or leaking underground fuel storage tanks.
- Exposure can occur if you work in an industry where ethylbenzene is used or made.
- Exposure can occur if you use products containing it, such as gasoline, carpet glues, varnishes, and paints.

## How can ethylbenzene affect my health?

Exposure to high levels of ethylbenzene in air for short periods can cause eye and throat irritation. Exposure to higher levels can result in dizziness.

Irreversible damage to the inner ear and hearing has been observed in animals exposed to relatively low concentrations of ethylbenzene for several days to weeks.

Exposure to relatively low concentrations of ethylbenzene in air for several months to years causes kidney damage in animals.

## How likely is ethylbenzene to cause cancer?

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that ethylbenzene is a possible human carcinogen.

# Ethylbenzene

**CAS # 100-41-4**

## How does ethylbenzene affect children?

There are no studies evaluating the effects of ethylbenzene exposure on children or immature animals. It is likely that children would have the same health effects as adults. We do not know whether children would be more sensitive than adults to the effects of ethylbenzene.

We do not know if ethylbenzene will cause birth defects in humans. Minor birth defects and low birth weight have occurred in newborn animals whose mothers were exposed to ethylbenzene in air during pregnancy.

## How can families reduce the risk of exposure to ethylbenzene?

- Use adequate ventilation to reduce exposure to ethylbenzene vapors from consumer products such as gasoline, pesticides, varnishes and paints, and newly installed carpeting.
- Sometimes older children sniff household chemicals, including ethylbenzene, in an attempt to get high. Talk with your children about the dangers of sniffing chemicals.
- Household chemicals should be stored out of reach of children to prevent accidental poisoning. Always store household chemicals in their original containers; never store them in containers that children would find attractive to eat or drink from, such as old soda bottles. Gasoline should be stored in a gasoline can with a locked cap.

## Is there a medical test to show whether I've been exposed to ethylbenzene?

Ethylbenzene is found in the blood, urine, breath, and some body tissues of exposed people. The most common way to test for ethylbenzene is in the urine. This test measures substances formed by the breakdown of ethylbenzene. Because these substances leave the body very quickly, this test needs to be done within a few hours after exposure occurs.

These tests can show you were exposed to ethylbenzene, but cannot predict the kind of health effects that might occur.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The EPA has determined that exposure to ethylbenzene in drinking water at concentrations of 30 mg/L for 1 day or 3 mg/L for 10 days is not expected to cause any adverse effects in a child.

The EPA has determined that lifetime exposure to 0.7 mg/L ethylbenzene is not expected to cause any adverse effects.

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) has limited workers' exposure to an average of 100 ppm for an 8-hour workday, 40-hour workweek.

## References

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). 2010. Toxicological Profile for Ethylbenzene. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service.

## Where can I get more information?

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# Toluene - ToxFAQs™

**CAS # 108-88-3**

This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health related questions (FAQs) regarding exposure to toluene. For more information, call the CDC Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It's important that you understand this information because this substance may harm you, or your family. The health effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Exposure to toluene occurs from breathing contaminated workplace air, automobile exhaust, or by using products such as paints, paint thinners, fingernail polish, lacquers, and adhesives. Toluene affects the nervous system. Toluene has been found in at least 1,012 of the 1,699 National Priorities List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

## What is toluene?

Toluene is a clear, colorless liquid with a distinctive smell. It is a good solvent (a substance that can dissolve other substances). Toluene occurs naturally in crude oil and in the tolu tree. It is produced in the process of making gasoline and other fuels from crude oil and in making coke from coal.

Toluene is used in making paints, paint thinners, fingernail polish, lacquers, adhesives, and rubber and in some printing and leather tanning processes. Toluene is also used in the manufacture of other chemicals, nylon, and plastics. It is also added to gasoline along with benzene and xylene to improve octane ratings.

## What happens to toluene when it enters the environment?

- Toluene enters the environment when you use materials that contain it. It can also enter surface water and ground water from spills of solvents and petroleum products as well as leaking underground storage tanks at gasoline stations and other facilities.
- When toluene-containing products are placed in landfills or waste disposal sites, toluene can enter the soil or water near the waste site.
- Toluene in subsurface water can be degraded by anaerobic microorganisms.
- Toluene in surface water or soil will readily evaporate to the air or be degraded by bacteria.
- Toluene does not usually stay in the environment long.

## How might I be exposed to toluene?

- Breathing contaminated workplace air or automobile exhaust.
- Individuals who work with gasoline, paint, lacquer, or dyes have greater exposures to toluene, as do individuals who smoke or intentionally inhale products containing toluene for its euphoric effects or to get high.
- Living near uncontrolled hazardous waste sites containing toluene products.
- Toluene is not frequently detected in drinking water or food.

## How can toluene affect my health?

Toluene may affect the nervous system. Low to moderate levels can cause tiredness, confusion, weakness, drunken-type actions, memory loss, nausea, and loss of appetite. These symptoms usually disappear when exposure stops.

Long-term daily inhalation exposure to toluene in the workplace may cause some hearing and color vision loss. Repeatedly breathing toluene from glue or paint thinners may permanently damage the brain.

The effects of toluene in animals are similar to those seen in humans.

## How likely is toluene to cause cancer?

Studies in workers and animals exposed to toluene generally indicate that toluene is not carcinogenic



# Toluene

**CAS # 108-88-3**

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) determined that toluene is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity in humans. The EPA determined there is inadequate information to assess the carcinogenic potential of toluene. The National Toxicology Program (NTP) has not considered the carcinogenic potential of toluene.

## How can toluene affect children?

The effects of toluene on children have not been studied very much, but toluene seems to produce the same types of effects in children as it does in adults.

Some older children and adolescents who have repeatedly breathed large amounts of toluene to get high have developed loss of muscle control, loss of memory, poor balance, and decreased mental abilities. Some of these changes may last for a long time after toluene has left the body.

Some mothers who breathed large amounts of toluene during pregnancy to get high have had children with birth defects, including retardation of mental abilities and growth.

## How can families reduce the risk of exposure to toluene?

- Families can reduce their risk of exposure to toluene by using consumer products containing the chemical (such as paints, glues, inks, and stain removers) in well-ventilated areas and reading the labels of the products.
- When not in use, toluene-containing products should be tightly covered to prevent evaporation into the air.
- Household chemicals should be stored out of the reach of young children to prevent accidental poisonings.
- Always store household chemicals in their original labeled containers. Never store household chemicals in containers that children would find attractive to eat or drink from, such as old soda bottles.
- Use bottled water if you have concerns about the presence of toluene in your tap water.

- Prevent children from eating or playing in the dirt if you live near a waste site that has been contaminated with toluene.
- Talk with children about the dangers of sniffing chemicals.

## Is there a medical test to show whether I've been exposed to toluene?

Toluene and its breakdown products (metabolites) can be measured in blood and urine. However, the detection of toluene or its metabolites cannot predict the kind of health effects that might develop from that exposure. Because toluene and its metabolites leave the body fairly rapidly, the tests need to be conducted within days after exposure. The tests are not routinely available at the doctor's office because they require special equipment.

## Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?

The EPA has recommended a drinking water limit of 1 mg/L for toluene.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set a legal limit for workers of 200 ppm for toluene in air averaged over an 8 hour workday.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has set a recommended limit of 100 ppm for toluene in air averaged over a 10-hour workday.

## References

This ToxFAQs™ information is taken from the 2015 Toxicological Profile for Toluene (Draft for Public Comment) produced by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service in Atlanta, GA.

## Where can I get more information?

For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Division of Toxicology and Human Health Sciences, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop F-57, Atlanta, GA 30329-4027.

Phone: 1-800-232-4636.

ToxFAQs™ on the web: [www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxFAQs](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxFAQs)

ATSDR can tell you where to find occupational and environmental health clinics. Their specialists can recognize, evaluate, and treat illnesses resulting from exposure to hazardous substances. You can also contact your community or state health or environmental quality department if you have any more questions or concerns.



# XYLENE

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### Division of Toxicology and Environmental Medicine ToxFAQs™

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This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about xylene. For more information, call the ATSDR Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It is important you understand this information because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Exposure to xylene occurs in the workplace and when you use paint, gasoline, paint thinners and other products that contain it. People who breathe high levels may have dizziness, confusion, and a change in their sense of balance. Xylene has been found in at least 840 of the 1,684 National Priority List sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

#### What is xylene?

There are three forms of xylene in which the methyl groups vary on the benzene ring: *meta*-xylene, *ortho*-xylene, and *para*-xylene (*m*-, *o*-, and *p*-xylene). These different forms are referred to as isomers.

Xylene is a colorless, sweet-smelling liquid that catches on fire easily. It occurs naturally in petroleum and coal tar. Chemical industries produce xylene from petroleum. It is one of the top 30 chemicals produced in the United States in terms of volume.

Xylene is used as a solvent and in the printing, rubber, and leather industries. It is also used as a cleaning agent, a thinner for paint, and in paints and varnishes. It is found in small amounts in airplane fuel and gasoline.

#### What happens to xylene when it enters the environment?

- ☐ Xylene evaporates quickly from the soil and surface water into the air.
- ☐ In the air, it is broken down by sunlight into other less harmful chemicals in a couple of days.
- ☐ It is broken down by microorganisms in soil and water.
- ☐ Only a small amount of it builds up in fish, shellfish, plants, and other animals living in xylene-contaminated water.

#### How might I be exposed to xylene?

- ☐ Using a variety of consumer products including gasoline, paint varnish, shellac, rust preventatives, and cigarette smoke. Xylene can be absorbed through the respiratory tract and through the skin.
- ☐ Ingesting xylene-contaminated food or water, although these levels are likely to be very low.
- ☐ Working in a job that involves the use of xylene such as painters, paint industry workers, biomedical laboratory workers, automobile garage workers, metal workers, and furniture refinishers.

#### How can xylene affect my health?

No health effects have been noted at the background levels that people are exposed to on a daily basis.

High levels of exposure for short or long periods can cause headaches, lack of muscle coordination, dizziness, confusion, and changes in one's sense of balance. Exposure of people to high levels of xylene for short periods can also cause irritation of the skin, eyes, nose, and throat; difficulty in breathing; problems with the lungs; delayed reaction time; memory difficulties; stomach discomfort; and possibly changes in the liver and kidneys. It can cause unconsciousness and even death at very high levels.

**ToxFAQs™ Internet address is <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq.html>****How likely is xylene to cause cancer?**

Both the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) and the EPA have found that there is insufficient information to determine whether or not xylene is carcinogenic.

**How can xylene affect children?**

The effects of xylene have not been studied in children, but it is likely that they would be similar to those seen in exposed adults. Although there is no direct evidence, children may be more sensitive to acute inhalation exposure than adults because their narrower airways would be more sensitive to swelling effects.

Studies of unborn animals indicate that high concentrations of xylene may cause increased numbers of deaths, and delayed growth and development. In many instances, these same concentrations also cause damage to the mothers. We do not know if xylene harms the unborn child if the mother is exposed to low levels of xylene during pregnancy.

**How can families reduce the risks of exposure to xylene?**

- ☐ Exposure to xylene as solvents (in paints or gasoline) can be reduced if the products are used with adequate ventilation and if they are stored in tightly closed containers out of the reach of small children.
- ☐ Sometimes older children sniff household chemicals in attempt to get high. Talk with your children about the dangers of sniffing xylene.
- ☐ If products containing xylene are spilled on the skin, then the excess should be wiped off and the area cleaned with soap and water.

**Is there a medical test to determine whether I've been exposed to xylene?**

Laboratory tests can detect xylene or its breakdown products in exhaled air, blood, or urine. There is a high degree of agreement between the levels of exposure to xylene and the levels of xylene breakdown products in the urine. However, a urine sample must be provided very soon after exposure ends because xylene quickly leaves the body. These tests are not routinely available at your doctor's office because they require special equipment.

**Has the federal government made recommendations to protect human health?**

The EPA set a limit of 10 parts xylene per million parts drinking water (10 ppm).

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set limits of 100 parts xylene per million parts of workplace air (100 ppm) for 8 hour shifts and 40 hour work weeks.

**References**

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**Where can I get more information?** For more information, contact the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Division of Toxicology and Environmental Medicine, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop F-32, Atlanta, GA 30333. Phone: 1-800-232-4636, FAX: 770-488-4178. ToxFAQs Internet address via WWW is <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq.html>. ATSDR can tell you where to find occupational and environmental health clinics. Their specialists can recognize, evaluate, and treat illnesses resulting from exposure to hazardous substances. You can also contact your community or state health or environmental quality department if you have any more questions or concerns.



## **Enclosure 2: Historic Summary of Property Use**

The property you own is the location of the former crude oil refining process area owned by the Wilcox Oil and Gas Company. Oil refining operations started in the 1920's and continued through 1963. In 1929, the oil refining process was upgraded to include a skimming plant, cracking unit, and re-distillation battery with a vapor recovery system and treatment equipment. The upgraded facility had an operating capacity of 4,000 barrels of crude oil per day while producing and storing fuel oil, gas oil, distillate, kerosene, naphtha, and benzene (petroleum ether). Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps indicate that the property contained storage tanks of various sizes, a cooling pond, and approximately 10 buildings housing refinery operations.

Most of the equipment and storage tanks that remained onsite in 1963 were auctioned and salvaged for scrap iron by private land owners; any remaining structures are in ruins. Four aboveground storage tanks (12,500-gallon capacity each) remain standing, in addition to a number of discarded drums and pieces of scrap iron and piping. There are multiple areas of stressed vegetation, barren areas, and visible, black tarry waste of a hydrocarbon nature. In addition, a large barren area has been identified as the lead sweetening area where sodium plumbite was added to doctor the gasoline and meet corrosive specification. Further details on the operations can be obtained from the historic photograph (Attachment 1) of the facility as it was operating and from the journal article (Attachment 2) describing the facility upgrades.

During the late 1990's and through 2013, the Wilcox Oil refining process area was investigated during multiple field events by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The data collected during these events indicated that the soil, sediment, and surface water contained contaminants that could potentially pose an unacceptable risk to humans and the environment. Based on these data, the site was proposed to the National Priorities List in May 2013 and was placed on the NPL in December 2013. The NPL is a list of sites that require further investigation and may require cleanup activities due to the presence of contaminants that could present a potential health risk to humans and the environment.



Wilcox Oil Company Operating Aerial Photograph (~1950's)





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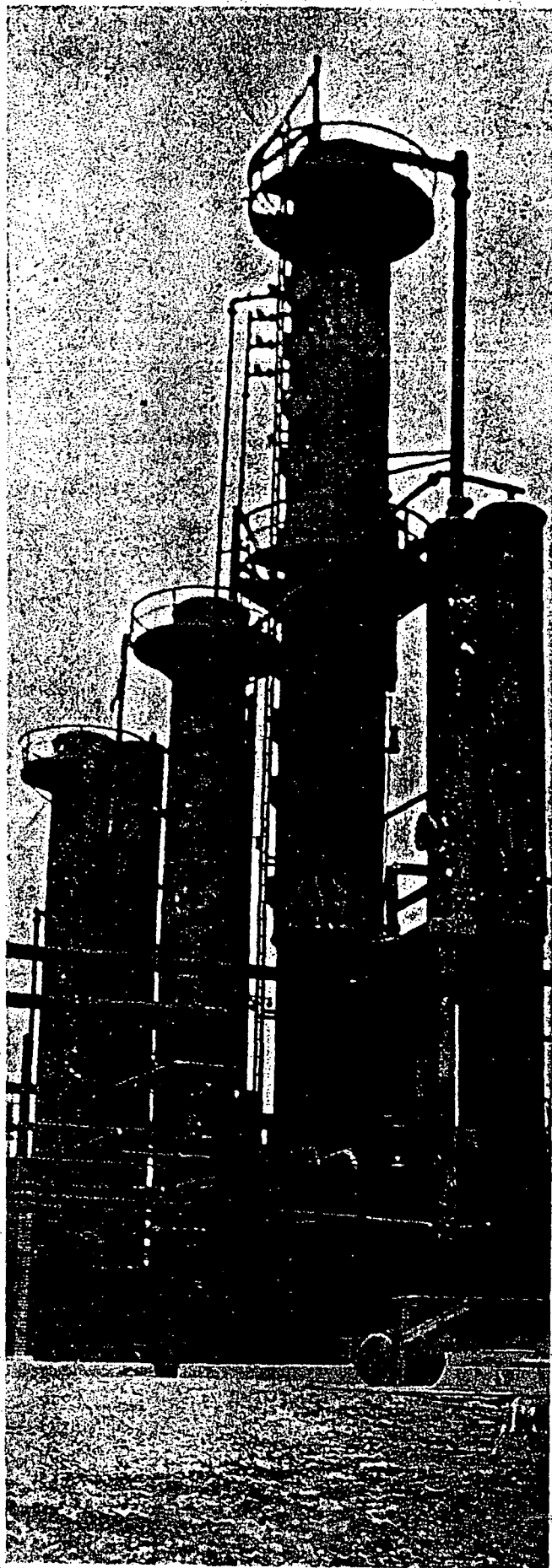
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# Wilcox Has New Installation in Plant

**W**ILCOX OIL & GAS COMPANY has been operating its new refinery at Bristow, Okla., a little more than a year, during which certain additions and changes have been made to secure products not originally required and to generally improve efficiency. The refinery is on the same site as the original 1000-barrel Wilcox experimental plant erected 10 years ago, which was operated under lease by Riley Petroleum Company in 1928, and which was completely dismantled to permit erection of the new 4000-barrel modern skimming and cracking plant. Decision to erect and operate a refinery follows entry of the company into wholesale and retail marketing and subsequent expansion of these facilities in territory within a radius of 25 miles of the refinery. Like most modern installations of the type this plant consists of skimming plant, cracking unit, and redistillation battery, with vapor recovery system and continuous treating equipment.

The greater portion of the 4000-barrel crude requirements of the refinery is produced locally by the company, and as soon as it is practical the crude is brought direct to the plant from the field, thus eliminating expensive storage and handling facilities. However, this practice is conducive to relatively low percentages of b. & s. & w. in the crude, which must be settled out before actual processing at high temperature. This is accomplished by means of preheating the fresh crude in a series of Cloverleaf sections.

*Cloverleaf sections*

Fractionating equipment in connection with crude topping unit and pressure distillate re-run stills.

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By means of this conveyor coke dropping from  
the reaction chamber is loaded directly into  
cars for shipment.





removal of a kerosene side stream into a flashing or stripper tower, and withdrawal of residuum through a similar flash tower, flashing both with superheated steam, and returning flashed vapors to the original column. Under the present practice the upper auxiliary tower or side stream produces a stream of 437 e. p. naphtha, and a 375 e. p. gasoline stream is taken off over head. Gas oil may be removed from the lower withdrawal equipment, and fuel oil is taken from the bottom. Condensed 375 e. p. gasoline is taken from a large water separator device and returned over the top of the column as a means of temperature control. This control is also aided by passing the incoming crude through the coils in the top of the tower. Residue is pumped from the tower by liquid level control into raw oil tanks for the Dubbs unit.

This change in design and in the number and type of products fractionated through the large bubble column is an example of the flexibility of modern rectifying equipment. With slight mechanical changes the operation of the tower may at any time be converted back to the original system or to meet some other requirements. The two grades of gasoline produced in this operation are given sodium plumbite treatment in a continuous treating system to meet Doctor and corrosion specifications.

#### CRACKING OPERATION

The Dubbs cracking unit is equipped with a 10 by 40 foot reaction chamber and late type modified Alcorn radiant heat furnace. Several changes in design were effected in this furnace and its operation. Special alloy beams have been installed to support the radiant shield getting the weight off of the tubes, the arch was removed, the number of tubes was reduced to 64 and the flow of oil was reversed. These

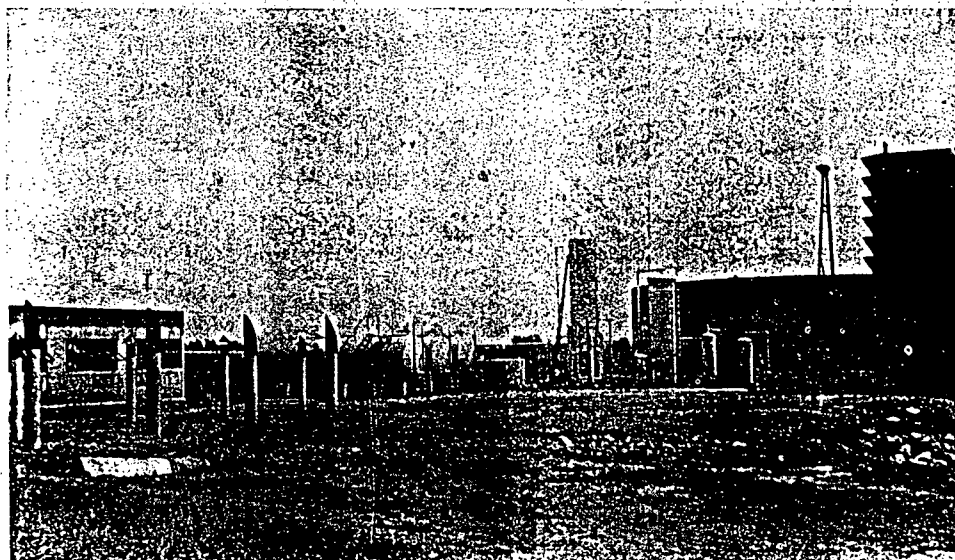
changes and other details were worked out by Dubbs Alcorn and Wilcox engineers, due to the new design of the furnace. The unit is operated in three day cycle running non-residuum. At present the production of topped crude is in excess of the capacity of the single Dubbs unit, and the company is considering the installation of additional cracking equipment.

Through the use of equipment designed for direct loading of coke into cars the coke production is handled but once at this plant. A spur track was built close to the reaction chamber from the nearby railroad. A conveyor with a hopper large enough to fit under the reaction chamber, is employed to dump the coke directly into the cars. As the 4300-foot cable is pulled from the chamber by means of a steam hoist, the electrically operated conveyor removes the falling coke, free of nuts, bolts, dirt and other foreign matter, spilling it into the cars. It is estimated that this conveyor has reduced the cost of handling coke about one dollar per ton, and as seven to eight hundred tons are handled monthly and sold on contract to a large industrial concern, there is real economy effected in this method of handling the product.

Pressure distillate from the cracking operation is taken to the treating department and treated with four pounds of 66° Be. acid per barrel and neutralized with 17° Be. caustic in a continuous system. The distillate is then taken to rerun stills. This system consists of two 12 by 30 foot shell stills equipped with bubble towers. Incoming 50 gravity pressure distillate is charged through Cloverleaf sections placed in the tops of the two bubble towers. After this preheating it enters the shell stills. Through the addition of a new stripper tower in connection with the second bubble tower, the rerun system is producing a fraction of stripped furnace oil of about

34 gravity. The bottoms are marketed as 28/30 gravity fuel oil. Overhead stream from the fractionating equipment is a premium grade 400 end point anti-knock motor fuel and marketed as such. A side stream of 425 end point gasoline is removed which is blended with the straight run gasoline.

Cracked gasoline from the rerun operation is given Doctor treatment in a continuous system. The straight run gasolines are given similar treatment. Two complete continuous



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Compression gasoline recovery plant and gas washing equipment

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to guard against loss of desirable fractions. Both the raw gasoline and reflux feeds is regulated by Foxboro controllers, the usual orifice arrangement being maintained.

The re-boiler and column temperatures are maintained within one-half of one degree of the desired temperature, the success of the stabilization depending largely upon this small deviation from the ideal temperature. The pressure on the stabilizing column is maintained within one-half pound of the desired pressure.

The regulator is on the water condensate from the re-boiler. Boiler pressure is maintained on the re-boiler, while the desired temperature is maintained by a half-inch regulator installed on the water condensate leaving the re-boiler. When the valve is closed, water covers the tube section, and when the valve is opened, water leaves the tower, allowing steam to cover the tube section and thereby increasing the temperature.

Liberal use of concrete for supporting such equipment as the heat exchangers and condensers add strength to the installation and reduces the fire hazard. Elimination of buckling from steel platforms is also accomplished, in addition to a more attractive appearance. The ladder leading up the main column is enclosed by a barrel of heavy wire netting—an added safety factor for workmen.

Five large DeLaval centrifugal pumps are used for circulating water and moving the gasoline, two being for the former and three for the latter. All pumps are in a pit below the surface of the ground. The pump house is equipped with blowers to prevent accumulation of dangerous fumes.

The unit was designed and built by C. F. Braun and Company; actual arrangement of the equipment being largely in the hands of company engineers. Besides handling an almost unprecedented gallonage, the unit is one of the most attractive installations yet completed.

## Wilcox Has Modern Installation in Bristow Plant

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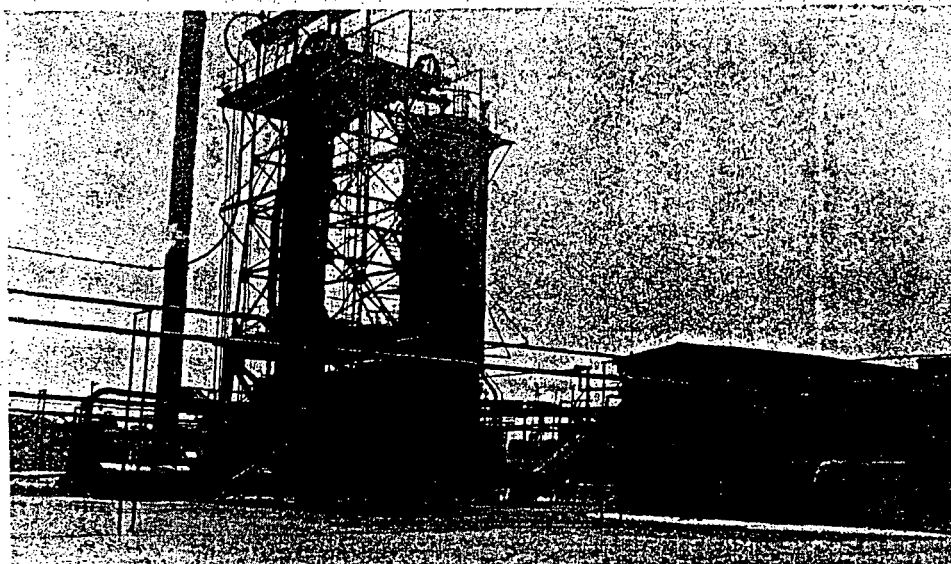
treating systems are provided for handling the light products, and agitators of the batch type were erected for kerosene treatment.

A recent addition at this plant is a compression type gasoline recovery installation for which gases and vapors are gathered from the skimming plant receiving house, the redistillation plant receiving house, light product storage and crude tanks. Yields from these vapors run from two to six gallons per 1000 cubic feet. The plant production ranges from

4000 to 5000 gallons per day. Gases from the Dubois unit operation are to be processed through an absorption type recovery unit planned for early installation. Vapors from the pressure distillate rerun operation are first scrubbed through alkaline solution before they are compressed.

The compression plant consists of four 80-horsepower Bessemer machines operating at 40 pounds on the low stage side and 175 pounds on the high stage side.

Early in the construction of the new refinery P. L. Tinkler joined the organization as construction engineer. He supervised the installation and design of facilities, and upon completion of the plant was made superintendent of its operation, and has directed the modifications and additions to the plant as discussed in this writing. We are indebted to Mr. Tinkler for his helpfulness and his permission to present the details of plant operations.



Cracking equipment at Wilcox Oil & Gas Company's Bristow, Oklahoma, refinery  
Wilcox Oil Company Superfund Site - Residential Data File Summary

### **Enclosure 3: Summary of Data results for soil, waste sources, and air (Property Outline Figure)**

#### Residential Soil Results: Summary from October 16, 2015, Letter

In June 2015, we sampled the soil in the immediate vicinity of the home down to a depth of 2 feet, and provided results in a letter dated October 16, 2015. The results from this sampling did not indicate the presence of an immediate health risk; however, contaminants are present above residential soil screening levels and do require further investigation. Additional sampling is necessary to better understand where the residential soil screening levels are exceeded and to support a human health risk evaluation to understand the potential risks that these contaminants may pose over a lifetime of exposure. The primary contaminants detected in the soil include Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Benzene. At this time, the potential health risks associated with these contaminants is unknown. Additional information on these contaminants can be found in Enclosure 1.

#### Passive Soil Gas and Indoor Air Results: Summary from February 22, 2017, Letter

During August 2016, passive soil gas samples were taken from several locations on your property. The sample locations were placed throughout the property within former refinery operation areas and former tank locations. Results from this sampling indicate there is contamination present that has the potential for generating contaminated soil gases. Several volatile compounds were detected throughout the property with the highest reported mass found within the northeastern portion of the process area just south of the home.

Because data show the potential for the generation of contaminated gases, indoor air samples were collected from outside the home, within the crawl space under the home, and within the home. Results from indoor air sampling indicate the presence of some contaminants above the residential screening levels for indoor air. Because contaminants are present above residential indoor air screening levels, further investigation and evaluation is needed. Additional sampling is necessary to better understand the sources of the soil gases and to support a human health risk evaluation to understand the potential risks that these contaminants may pose over a lifetime of exposure. The primary contaminants detected in the air include Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, and Xylene. At this time, the potential health risks associated with these contaminants is unknown. Additional information on these contaminants can be found in Enclosure 1.

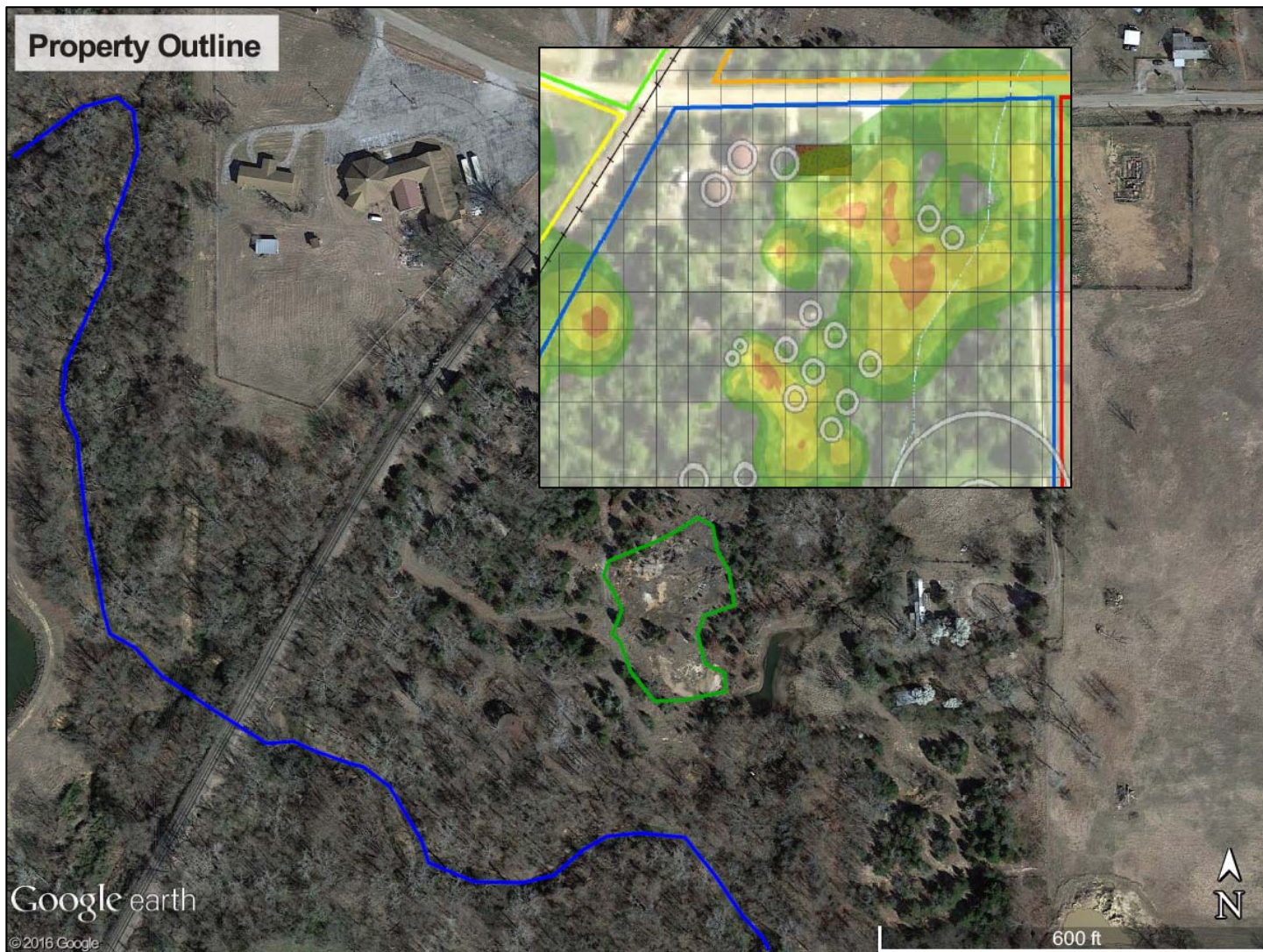
#### Lead Sweetening Area: Summary of December 2015 field event

During the refining process, sodium plumbite was added to doctor the gasoline and meet corrosive specification. One of the components of sodium plumbite is lead. On the south central portion of the property, there is a large barren area we have identified as the lead sweetening area. Sampling of this area indicated that lead is present at concentrations in excess of 55,000 milligrams per kilogram. Because of the high lead concentrations, this area is not safe. This area should remain undisturbed, and access to this area should be avoided.

#### Oily-Tar Waste Results: Summary of Historic and April 2017 field events

During historic field sampling events and the current April 2017 field event, samples of the oily-tar waste were collected. The oily-tar wastes are a result of crude oil storage and refining processes. The oily-tar waste is considered a source of contamination that can migrate to soil, water, and air. Data show contaminants are present above human health screening levels. Because of this, further review and evaluation of these oily-tar wastes is necessary. These oil-tar wastes should remain undisturbed, and access to these areas should be avoided.





## Property Figure

Sand Creek: Blue

Lead Sweetening Area:  
Green

Soil Gases: multicolor  
area (reds indicate  
higher levels).

House: Brown Square

Former Tanks: Grey  
circles